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## BARGAINS FOR CASH BUYERS!

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### Good Roads for the Mountains.

There is no subject which deserves more attention during the approaching session of the Legislature than the condition of the mountain counties, with a view to its betterment in every possible way.

One of the best means to this desirable end which suggests itself is to secure a better system of roads in the mountains. From the physical conditions there but few railroads have as yet penetrated them, and until development of their rich resources shall introduce the necessary capital and population, the mileage cannot be expected to increase. The building of railroads there is most expensive, the region being traversed by few streams affording natural routes, and cut up by parallel ranges of forbidding mountains as outliers to the Cumberland range. Pending the coming of the time when the development of the country becomes feasible, the wise thing to do is to secure better roads, making communication between neighboring counties more practical, as well as with the outer world.

There has never been any concerted action, either of the State or of communities, looking to the making of good roads and keeping them in order. In this respect a great wrong has been done that portion of the State. The roads follow the old traces of the Indian and pioneer along the beds of the streams subject to frequent overflow, or up steep acclivities, without the aid of engineering skill in their location or adequate provision for their repair. So serious has been the neglect in this respect that it has not been many years since there were counties in which wheeled vehicles were not to be found. Lumber, the chief product, was floated to market in logs on freshets, with sleds and horseback service for travel. The consequence has been that the people have been isolated from intercom-

munication with those of neighboring counties or from contact with the people of other parts of the State.

Kentucky has, as to the richer and more favored parts of the State, been the pioneer road builder of all Western States, having more than sixty years ago built many miles of turnpike by which the country traversed by them has been developed to a high degree of production and wealth. Stage lines from Louisville to Maysville and from Louisville to Nashville on these roads long antedated the railroads, while some parts of the State were gridironed with turnpikes built in whole or part by the State. So also as to slack water improvements. The Kentucky and Green rivers were locked and dammed by the State near the same period of turnpike construction, but as in the case of the latter, the improved navigation stopped short of the mountains, where if it had been extended to the coal fields, with or without the turnpikes, there would have been a different condition now.

While there is no longer any possibility under our Constitution of the State's resuming such policy and remedying the wrong done the mountains by exclusion from its bounty, and while the slow rate at which the Federal Government is extending navigation in that direction may not be accelerated, justice and good economic policy suggest that the Legislature should take the question up with a view to inaugurating some system by which at least the county seats can be connected with roads of easy grade and durable construction. All that region has been topographically surveyed and mapped by the Federal Government and the possibility of such construction demonstrated. Discussion of the subject will do no harm, and may lead to great good. It will at least demonstrate to the good people of the mountains that they are not doomed to hope-

less neglect, in thought as well as deed. Let us by concerted action it is not possible to make permanent peace, thereby making better conditions for thrift and comfort.—Courier-Journal.

The National French Draft Horse Association has offered special prizes of \$1,000 for the exhibit of French Draft horses at the World's Fair. This sum added to the \$6,205 given by the World's Fair makes a total of \$7,205.

### Profit at Frankfort Penitentiary.

The sixth annual report of the Kentucky State Prison Commission shows the Frankfort prison made a profit to the State of \$19,320.14, and that at the Eddyville prison there was a deficit of \$14,569.24 during the fiscal year from December 1, 1902, to November 30, 1903. The commission will ask the Legislature to make a total appropriation of \$62,000 for improvements at both prisons.

### Whisky as Pure Food.

The whisky men of Kentucky are delighted because the Government has agreed to allow them to make an exhibit of their produce in the pure food department of the United States exhibit at the World's Fair. Pure food as we understand it is free from anything which is injurious to health. How does whisky ever get in this class? Is there any product on the face of the earth that destroys the health of more people than whisky?

Wherever there is an exhibit of the stuff there ought to be an exhibit of its effects. We suggest that at St. Louis where the distilled corn juice is displayed there be appropriate pictures of what whisky produces. There should be a painting of a gallows with a man swing- ing with a noose around his neck, on him in large gilt letters the words "Whisky caused this." Then there should be another picture of a happy home and a companion piece of a ruined one and whisky shown as the cause of this. Dis- grace and dishonor might be pic- tured in fifty different ways. The penitentiary should be put upon the canvass in a large picture and the words should be written across the building, "More than half the inmates came here from the use of whisky," which the government says is pure food. Then a few facts like this should be hung up, "Whisky causes more crime, more misery and more disgrace than all other agencies combined." A man intoxicated on this pure food and beating his wife might find a place in this collection, also the state- ment of some of our celebrated phy- sicians that the curse of drink is inherited and the sins of the fathers are visited on the children of the second and third generation. We believe these pictures would at- tract more attention than the ex- hibit of bottled goods which the government has classified as pure food.—Elizabethtown News.

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### Poultry Notes.

It is advisable to have all perches the same height, and at a distance of not over two feet from the ground. Having them roost too high is the cause of bumble foot.

To increase the egg-producing capacity of a flock of hens requires selection—the culling of the hens and proper selection of the male, as he is sire of all the chicks hatched.

The first rule for fall and winter egg production, is to get out your pullets early and keep them grow- ing from the day they break the shell to the day they are put in their houses in the fall.

Standard-bred poultry is the best for any purpose, because the stan- dard requires that they be started right. They are bred for results, and, as chicks, are fed for growth. It is the only way to get hens that will lay well and pay well. Have you this kind?

It makes no particular difference whether hens are fed twice a day, three times a day, four times a day, provided the system, whichever it is, be maintained regularly and is governed at all times by an intelli- gent understanding of the need of the flock and the results obtained.

Keep the hens scratching in the litter of the house. A little wheat or oats will keep them busy a long time. Feed heavy enough at night to send the fowls to their roosts with a full crop.

Eggs in fall and early winter must come primarily from pullets. A hen that has laid faithfully for nine or ten months is now just re- covering from the moulting period. Consequently we must not expect her to do much in the way of pro- ducing eggs. If she is of the American class, true she may lay now and then enough to pay for her keep. Primarily we must de- pend on the pullets to furnish the bulk of the eggs at this season of the year. But a pullet must be fully matured before she will produce an egg a day.

### Hats off to the Hen.

All honor to the American hen. This friend of man laid last year 1,290,000,000 eggs, worth in the market \$144,000,000, besides other millions which have never been counted. In our own country alone there are varieties of fowls on the farm worth \$85,794,000. There are 250,000,000 chickens which pro- duce, in addition to the egg supply, poultry for table purposes worth \$136,000,000, making an annual production of \$280,000,000, or an income of 400 per cent on the in- vestment. To further demonstrate the value of the American hen the statistician declares that, with the exception of 1900 the egg crop of the United States has exceeded in value that of the country's com- bined gold and silver output for every year since 1850; and the same statement is true of the poultry pro- duct excepting the in year 1800 and 1900.—Paducah Register.

At this season the fireworks get in their deadly work.

### State Capitol Possible Without Extra Taxation.

In his report to the General As- sembly, just completed, Auditor Coulter has the following to say in the matter of the appropriation for a new State capitol:

"Inquiry has been made of the Auditor by various members of the General Assembly and by quite a number of citizens of the State as to whether or not the present reve- nues of the State would provide sufficient funds to build and furnish new capitol buildings. I have given this careful consideration and thorough investigation, and for answer will say that if the General Assembly should decide to make an appropriation for the erection of a new capitol the present revenues, if left unimpaired, and vigorously ad- ministered, will be able to furnish in excess of the current expenses at least \$400,000 per annum until the purpose of the appropriation be accomplished.

"It will not be necessary to bor- row a dollar, nor increase the pres- ent rate of taxation to secure money necessary for capitol build- ing purposes.

"By a painstaking and vigilant administration of the fiscal depart- ment of the government, and the practise of rigid frugality with re- gard to expenses of all departments of government throughout the State, a surplus equal to the de- mands of the proposed public build- ings can be quite easily accumu- lated.

"It will require at least three and possibly four years to complete the capitol buildings. It will be more economical, and certainly more busi- nesslike, to provide in the appro- priation bill that a certain stipu- lated sum be set apart for this pur- pose out of each year's revenues, until the aggregate amount appro- priated is consumed."

### Grand Jury Failed.

Judge Parker had a special grand jury impaneled at Lexington and gave a strong charge on the in- vestigation of the operation of slot machines in that city. The regu- lar grand jury which adjourned Saturday failed to indict the op- erators. The court said he did not care to censure the action of the late grand jury, but that he had no patience with any man who knew the law was being violated and would make no effort to stop it, es- pecially when he had been sworn and instructed by the court to in- quire into and stop any violations. The jury retired immediately to the grand jury room and began the in- vestigation into the slot machine nuisance, a number of witnesses being examined.

### Perilous Times.

Perilous times will prevail dur- ing the year 1904, according to Weather Prophet Marsh in the Cin- cinnati Enquirer. It will be one of the worst years on record for dis- asters, earthquakes, wars and floods.

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### Sounds Warning to Young Men in the Industrial Race.

In New York in a sermon on "Women," Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Billis has sounded a warning note to young men in business life. "If you don't want women to outstrip you in the industrial race," he said, "and compel you to come to them when you want fifty cents your would better stop drinking poor whisky and quit gambling at race tracks and in pool rooms.

"Women," continued Dr. Billis, "in spite of man's refusal to give them the rights and privileges to which they are entitled, are today in 145 branches of business and in instances showing more ability than the men.

"In one of the greatest financial institutions of this city not long ago a well-known man, drawing a salary of \$25,000 a year suffered a nervous collapse. The directors se- lected a young woman who for ten years had been the stenographer. She, the director told me, has done better work than the man she suc- ceeded and is doing it for \$10,000 a year.

"In fifty years, the women will know more than the men. They have more time to read and they are improving their time. Eventu- ally they will vote and tell the men for whom they shall vote.

"Eventually all the universities will be co-educational and the women will carry off all the prizes."

### Office Building for House of Rep- resentatives.

Speaker Cannon, Representatives Hepburn and Richardson (Tenn.), comprising the commission having in charge the construction of an of- fice building for the House of Rep- resentatives, were informed by At- torney General Knox that the jury of condemnation had fixed the price to be paid for the site at \$741,000. The ground then will be cleared and the erection of the building begun at once. The structure is to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000, and its construction will take sev- eral years.

### Ohio Odd Fellows to Expel Saloon- keepers.

Grand Master Charles C. Pavey of the Ohio Grand Lodge of the In- dependent Order of Odd Fellows, has issued a circular to the effect that on January 10, 1904, all sal- loonkeepers, bartenders or profes- sional gamblers shall either quit the order or those occupations. In the event of a refusal to cease such callings they will be tried and ex- pelled.

### Promoting Kentucky Line.

H. L. Martin, a Cleveland capi- talist, is endeavoring to get the right of way for a railroad from Hillsboro, Fleming county, to Salt Lick, Bath county, where connec- tions will be made with the Ches-apeake & Ohio.

This road would be about twenty- eight miles in length, and would traverse a rich timber and mineral territory.

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